आयोजित की जाती हैं । कार्य-निष्पादन को सुधारने के निमित्त राज्य सरकारों/नगर निगमों के लिए प्रोत्साहन पुरस्कार प्रतिपादित किए गए हैं ।

चूंकि स्वच्छता राज्य का विषय है, मानव को सिर पर मैला ढोने के काम में लगाने को एक भावी तारीख से दण्डनीय अपराध बनाने के लिए एक केन्द्रीय कानून हेतु प्रस्ताव राज्य सरकारों के साथ उठाया जा रहा है ।

Spurt in child trafficking

1641. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the Geneva based, Defence for Children International which appeared in 'the Tribune' dated April 8, 1992 to the effect that there has been a global spurt in child trafficking, involving trafficking and sale of children from Asia and Latin America to foreigners ;

(b) if so, what is the number of Indian children adopted by foreigners during 1990 and 1991 ; and

(c) what steps are taken to ensure that these children are not abused by the adopting parents ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the records available, the number of Indian children taken abroad for adoption during 1990 and 1991 are given below :—

Year	Number of children taken abroad for adoption
1990	1,272
1991	1,190

(c) (i) As per the judgement of the Supreme Court, in the case of Laxmi Kant Pandey Vs. Union of India, an order to be made by the courts for guardianship is to include a condition that the foreigner appointed as guardian of an Indian child shall submit to the court and also to the social/child welfare agency in India, which processed the application of the foreign national for guardianship, progress report of the child together with a recent photograph quarterly for the first two years and thereafter half-yearly for the subsequent three years.

(ii) The foreign social/child welfare agency sponsoring the application must also undertake that in case of disruption of the family of foreigner before adoption is effected according to the law of the land, it will take care of the child and find a suitable alternative placement for it with the approval of the concerned social or child welfare agency in India and report such alternative placement to the court handling the guardianship proceedings and such information shall be passed on both by the court as also by the concerned social or child welfare agency in India to the Secretary, Ministry of Welfare, Government of India.

(iii) Indian Diplomatic Missions abroad have been as per directive of the Supreme Court, requested to keep an unobtrusive watch on the well-being of Indian children taken abroad for adoption.

अनुसूचित जातियों की सूची में नई जातियां शामिल करने के लिये अभ्यावेदन

1642. **श्री रामनरेश यादव :** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अनुसूचित जातियों की सूची में नई जातियों को शामिल करने हेतु सरकार के पास विचारार्थ लम्बित पड़े अभ्यावेदनों की राज्य-वार संख्या कितनी है तथा ऐसी जातियों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) सरकार उन पर कब तक निर्णय लेने का विचार रखती है ?